

## **Permanent Road Closure - Eglinton Avenue West, west of Croham Road**

**Date:** March 12, 2024

**To:** General Council Community

**From:** General Manager, Transportation Services

**Wards:** 8 - Eglinton-Lawrence, 5 - York South-Weston and 9 - Davenport

### **SUMMARY**

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This report proposes to permanently close an unused portion of a public highway located in the northwest quadrant of Croham Road and Eglinton Avenue West to support new infrastructure for the new Caledonia GO station on the Barrie rail corridor. City Council approval of this report is required to stop-up and close this unused portion of the Eglinton Avenue West right-of-way.

Transportation Services recommends the permanent closure of the land legally described as Part 1 on Plan 66R-31588. This closure would allow this land to be nominally transferred to Metrolinx to become part of the Caledonia GO station, through the delegated authority of the Deputy General Manager, Internal Corporate Services and the Director, Real Estate Services.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the permanent closure of the unused public road known as Eglinton Avenue West, shown as Part 1 on Plan 66R-31588 and Property Plate, attached as Attachments "1" and "2" to the report dated March 12, 2024, from the General Manager, Transportation Services
2. City Council enact a by-law substantially in the form of the draft by-law attached as Attachment "3" to the report dated March 12, 2024, from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There is no financial impact to the City arising out of the proposed stop up and closure as all costs associated with the closure of the Highways are the responsibility of Metrolinx.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting on April 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2018, City Council adopted Item EX33.1, with amendments, containing the following terms and conditions with respect to the Metrolinx Regional Express Rail Program:

10. City Council delegate authority to each of the Deputy City Manager, Internal Corporate Services and the Director, Real Estate Services, severally, to approve the disposal to Metrolinx and the use by Metrolinx of certain City property, for nominal consideration (the "Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands"), provided that:

- a. the lands are not required for any current or future City purposes, including redevelopment purposes;
- b. the lands will be used solely to construct and operate Regional Express Rail transit infrastructure;
- c. the lands will be subject to the reservation of easements, as required for City purposes; and
- d. Metrolinx has entered into a real estate protocol with the City that includes, among other things, the criteria set out in this Part 10, together with a permit and approval protocol whereby Metrolinx agrees to comply with the City's by-law and permit requirements.

11. City Council with respect to the Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands:

- a. exempt the Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands from the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 213, Sale of Real Property;
- b. authorize the permanent closure of any Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands that are public highways and exempt these lands from the requirements of City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 162, Public Notice;
- c. direct the appropriate City staff to advise the public of the proposed closures of any Regional Express Rail Excess City Lands that are public highways, prior to implementation, in accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Schedule A+ activities, by posting notice of the proposed closures on the notices page of the City's website; and

d. authorize the Deputy City Manager, Internal Corporate Services and the Director, Real Estate Services to approve and execute the protocol with Metrolinx required by Part 10.d. above, upon terms and conditions satisfactory to them in consultation with the City Solicitor.

Link: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2018.EX33.1>

## COMMENTS

As part of the GO Expansion Program, Metrolinx plans to construct Caledonia GO station on the Barrie Rail Corridor in the City of Toronto. The new GO station will be strategically located adjacent to the Eglinton Crosstown LRT Caledonia Station and will provide commuters with convenient access to multiple modes of transit including GO Transit, TTC buses and the ECLRT. Furthermore, the GO station will play a crucial role in supporting the future all-day, two-way service on the Barrie Rail Corridor. Figure 1 shows the location of the proposed Caledonia GO Station.

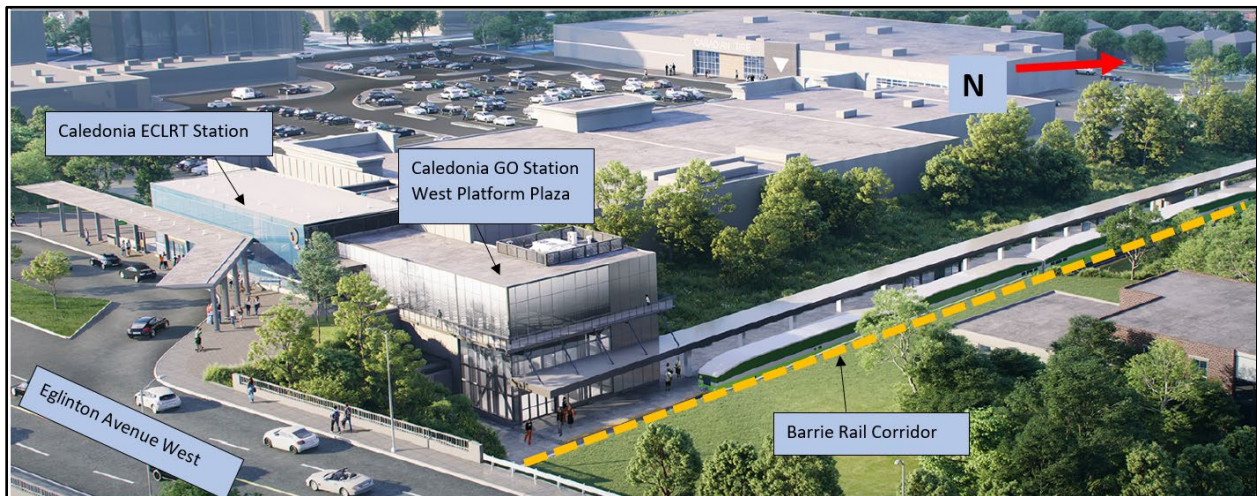


Figure 1 – Caledonia GO Station (artist rendering)

Source: Metrolinx

Metrolinx has identified an unused portion of Eglinton Avenue West for construction of the West Platform Plaza, part of the rail corridor and the future east platform. Figure 2 shows the location of the subject lands on Caledonia GO Station site plan.

Although the subject lands are currently part of the Eglinton Avenue West right-of-way, it has remained unused since the road was relocated to the south in the 1930s. In 1931, the former Township of York stopped up and closed off this portion of the public road through Bylaw No. 10823. However, this by-law was never registered and therefore is not in effect. A new by-law must be passed by City Council to nominally transfer the subject lands to Metrolinx, through the delegated authority of the Deputy City Manager, Internal Corporate Services and the Director, Real Estate Services.

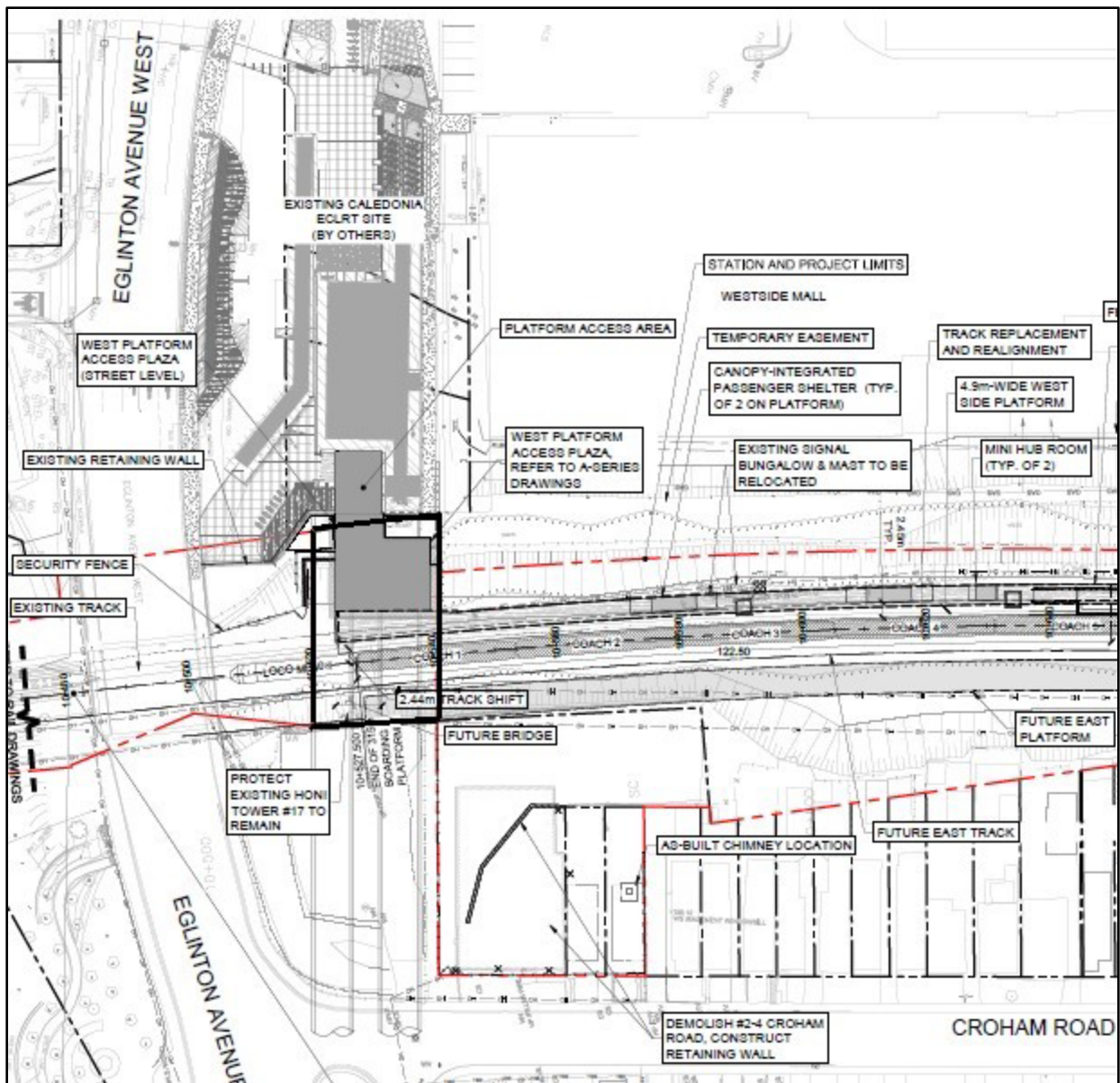


Figure 2 – Property Parcel

Source: Metrolinx

The proposed closing aligns with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment under Schedule "A+" as Eglinton Avenue West will not be retired as a road, nor will its capacity be reduced. The Subject Lands to be closed are remnant portions of the right-of-way that are no longer required. Additionally, Metrolinx has completed the streamlined Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Caledonia Station, including the subject lands. A Notice of Completion was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (now known as the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks) in February 2016.

The highway closing process requires approval from City Council. The draft by-law in the Attachment "3" to this report recommends the closure of this portion of the Highway.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – R-Plan  
Attachment 2 – Property Plate  
Attachment 3 – Draft By-law